

THANKING THE LORD AND OUR MOTHER FOR THE INSPIRING PRIESTLY JOURNEY AT IRLA

Thank you all and God bless you all for the enriching and memorable experience you all have given me in the past one year. There is always, always, always something to be thankful for. Here I would like to write a couple of words to you all.

Mother Theresa says kind words can be short and easy to spread, but their echoes are truly endless. It is true that the words of kind, supporting and appreciation echoing still in my ears after every mass that were whispered in my ears. It helped me to do my level best in the Parish and in all the lay organisations gatherings. So it is my time to thank you all for all the support and concern that you gave to me.

St. Francis of Assisi says it is in giving that we receive. Here I want to remember Fr. Ravi, the man who gives and receives. Fr. Ravi is one of the best person whom I met in my priestly journey. The man who always gives maximum freedom to every one and accepts the person as they are... Fr. Ravi thank you very much for your constant support and concern that you gave to me throughout this year.

The last two months were tough to bid good-bye to many of the dedicated, committed Parishioners who offered their time in service of the Parish. May their Souls rest in Peace. Due to the Pandemic and lock-down, I was disheartened that I would have to leave without thanking you all and meeting you, but you surprised me with a farewell felicitation which I will always treasure. The hand-made album of memories, the words of appreciations, the gifts will stay with me always to remind of my stay at Our Lady of Health of Velankanni Parish, Irla. God Bless you all.

Fr. Jaya Prasad



REV. FR. GEORGE THAILAMMANAL'S MONTH'S MIND MASS.

On 30th June, Rev. Fr. George Thailammanal's Month's mind mass was celebrated by Fr. Ravi at MSI Sister's Convent in Vegavaram. After the mass, prayers were recited at Fr. George's grave. A special mass for offered in our Parish on 30th June at 7p.m. It was celebrated by Fr. Rajkumar Madri and concelebrated by Fr. Mateus. The mass was streamed live on the Parish's Facebook Page as attendance from the congregation wasn't possible due to the Lockdown restrictions.



Death: Mrs. Sandra D'Souza, St. Joseph's Community, Azad Lane & Vishnu Baug - 13th June, 2020
Mr. Isaac Misquitta, Our Lady of Fatima Community, Irla Village - 20th June, 2020

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VELANKANNI IRLA CALLING JULY 2020

Church of Our Lady of Health of Velankanni

Dear Parishioners, Devotes and Pilgrims of Our Lady of Velankanni

We are already entering the month of July but the things are still not stable in Mumbai and other parts of India. Daily the numbers of Covid 19 cases are increasing at an alarming rate in the country. We are still not sure when our Churches will be opened. We need to wait for the circular from Cardinal Gracias. This year our Annual Novena to Our Lady of Health of Velankanni need to be planned in different way. I am in communication with Cardinal's Office and soon I will give updates to all parishioners and devotees on the forthcoming Annual Novena 2020.

The month of July is dedicated to The Precious Blood of Jesus. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time.

At the last Supper Our Lord gave us the immeasurable gift of His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the first Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The Precious Blood of Our Lord is daily offered in the Consecrated wine and bread in the Holy Mass and is continually venerated by the faithful in Holy Communion and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

In the New Testament St. Peter points to the way our redemption was purchased: "You were not redeemed with corruptible things like gold or silver ... but with the Precious Blood of Christ, as of a Lamb unspotted and undefiled." (1 Pet 1:18-19)

Focus of the Liturgy: The Gospel readings for the Sundays in July 2020 are taken from St. Matthew — all are from Year A, Cycle 2.

July 5th - 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time	In today's Gospel Our Lord tells us that His yoke is easy and His burden light.
July 12th - 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Jesus tells the parable of the sower.
July 19th - 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Jesus continues with the parable of the
July 26th - 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Jesus says the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field.

Let us keep each other in our prayers. Let us pray for the whole world in our special prayers. There are many people who are living in fear of getting infected with the Virus. Only Our Lord can find a way for cure of this pandemic.

God Bless you all!

Fr. Ravi Marneni

Fr. Ravi Thanaiah Marneni, PIME
Parish Priest

WELCOME FR. RAJKUMAR MADRI!

We welcome Fr. Rajkumar Madri as Asst. Parish Priest. May our Lady of Health of Velankanni shower her blessings upon him and help him guide us to her son, Lord Jesus Christ.



Parish Team:

Parish Priest – Fr. Ravi T. Marneni,
Asst. Parish Priest – Fr. Rajkumar
Madri HGN

Sisters of St. Ann:

Sr. Fatima
Sr. Teresa Elamthuruthyl

Parish Office Timings:

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday: Closed.
Sunday: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Donation & Mass Offering:

At donation stall from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Book stall:

Monday to Thursday:
2 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. FRIDAY HOLIDAY.
Saturday: 7 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Sunday: 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Mass Timings / schedule:

Saturday (Novena):

6.30 a.m. English
8.00 a.m. Tamil
2.30 p.m. Marathi
3.30 p.m. Marathi
4.30 p.m. Konkani
6.30 p.m. English

Sunday:

7.00 a.m. English – Parish Mass
9.00 a.m. English – Children's Mass
6.30 p.m. English – Youth Mass

Weekdays:

6.30 a.m. & 7.00 p.m. (English)

Baptism:

Sunday during 9 a.m. Mass.

Confessions:

Fridays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
or on request

Sick calls:

Anytime on request.
SCC animators / PPC member /
Eucharistic Minister to be informed.

Funeral:

To inform Parish Priest or
SCC Animators.

Sunday school:

7.45 a.m. to 9 a.m.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2020

Our Families: We pray that today's families maybe accompanied by love, respect and guidance.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2020.

In View of the Coronavirus Pandemic, All Meetings and Activities are cancelled.

Please Continue to Recite the Prayer for the Control of Coronavirus

Almighty and merciful God, who show your love to all creation everywhere, hear graciously the prayers we make for all those affected by the coronavirus in various parts of the world.

We come before you asking for a quick control of the outbreak, for healing of those who are affected, for the victims and their families. We pray for the doctors doing research that an effective vaccine to combat the sickness is speedily found. We pray for the Government and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

PANDEMIC RESPONSE: OUR PARISH REACHES OUT

Seeing the needs of the poor, the church of Our Lady of Velankanni, planned to distribute food grains to the poor & needy of all zones at the Parish level on the 9th of June from 10.30 am onwards. In all, 112 hampers containing 5 kgs rice, 5kgs atta, 2ltrs oil, 2kgs dal and 2kgs sugar was distributed. Thank you Fr Ravi and Fr Jayaprasad for sponsoring the food grains, oil and sugar hamper to the poor and needy of the parish. Thank you to the SVP, PPC and BCS who volunteered to make possible.



PANDEMIC RESPONSE: SSVP RELIEF-AID DISTRIBUTION

St.Vincent de Paul Society, Irla Unit again in June tried their best to give relief to their aided/adopted families on 6th June, 2020. They arranged for some poha, oil, rawa, green moong, vatana, tea leaves, chawli and Rs.500/- in cash was given to them to tide over their financial difficulties on account of lockdown and loss of jobs. In addition, we made sure that their monthly ration was distributed on time. We are in constant touch with our families to know about their welfare. We pray to the Lord to keep them all safe n protect them from Corona Virus.

-SVP members.



SSVP BIDS ADIEU TO FR. JAYAPRASAD

SVP members met on 20th June to bid farewell to Fr. Jayaprasad, our Spiritual Advisor. He not only guided us spiritually but took active interest in our projects, like the Study Class and other activities conducted by us. During the lockdown, he participated in all our activities like the distribution of grains, financial assistance, etc. to the poor and marginalized. We wish him good health n success in his future ministry.

SVP Members



IT'S HARD TO SAY GOODBYE, WE PRAY FOR YOUR MINISTRY, FR. JAYAPRASAD

OLVC, Irla bid farewell to Asst. Parish Priest, Fr. Jayaprasad on 21st June 2020. Due to the restrictions imposed during lockdown, this farewell was limited only to PPC members. Vera Fernandes spoke on behalf of the Parish and thanked Fr. Jayaprasad for his short yet fruitful stay here in our Parish. PPC members presented a token of gratitude expressing thanking Fr. Jayaprasad.

The chorus of "May the good Lord bless and keep you" echoed our prayers for Fr. Jayaprasad. As he bids us adieu and takes us another engagement, let us keep him in prayers.



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Dear Parishioners
Greetings from Fr. Ravi Thanalath, PIME.
I wish to inform you all that Fr. Jaya Prasad Yekula our assistant parish has received another appointment from their Institute superior. Therefore, he is going to be relieved from our parish today and going to travel tomorrow to Andhra Pradesh. We thank him for his dedicated service in our parish. Let us assure him our prayers so that he may continue his priestly ministry in another institution.
We heartily welcome back Fr. Raj Kumar Madri, of congregation of Heralds of Good News. As soon I asked him, he willingly accepted to come and serve in our parish. Let us welcome him again as assistant parish Priest.
As the Covid-19 cases are increasing in Mumbai let us pray to the Lord to protect us and save us from severe Pandemic.
Let us unite ourselves in prayers.
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Ravi Thanalath
Fr. Ravi Thanalath Mariani, PIME
Parish Priest

